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Highly individualized micro and macro optical components and systems

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3D inkjet printing of optics

Eyeglass lens produced with 3D polymer print.

The developed inkjet printing process enables the manufacturing of eyeglasses with high quality and properties comparable to modern requirements.

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Additively manufactured micro and macro optics and optical systems open up new possibilities in development processes such as rapid prototyping or in the production of individualized small series. We use the inkjet printing technology to develop highly integrated optical components and systems. Even lenses for reading glasses are possible.

Printable materials

- ORMOCER[®]
 - Organic / inorganic hybrid polymer
 - High thermal / mechanical / chemical stability
 - Acrylates
- Tailoring refrective index Silver / gold / graphite
- Optical mirrors
 - Wiring / electrodes
- Various functional polymers
 - Light filters, baffles, absorbers

Experience

- Ink development
- Process development
 - Substrate preprocessing
 - Printing
 - Post-processing

Examples of applications

- Optical components
 - Waveguides
 - Prisms
 - Lenses
 - Freeform optics
- Optical systems
 - Microlens array projectors
 - Freeform projector with integrated inkjet printed silver mirrors, wires, and hybrid integrated LEDs

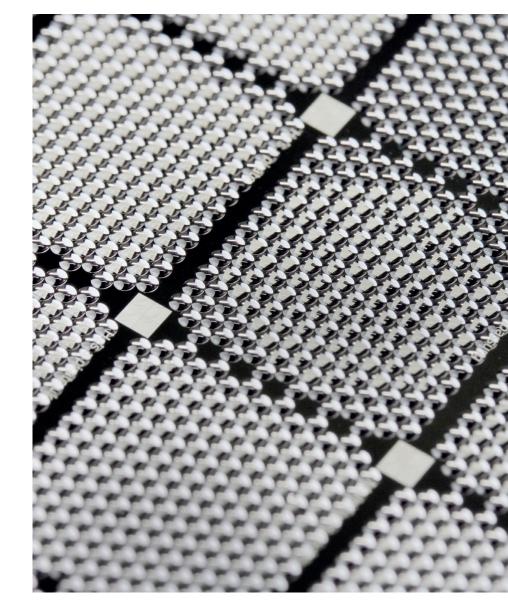


Image of inkjet printed microlens-array.



Top: 3D inkjet printed waveguide for a LED matrix.

Cover: Printed freeform optics for light field shaping.



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